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Shoemaker is Officer of the Year for 2003



Officer Andy Shoemaker

Chief William K. Finney named Andy Shoemaker "Officer of the Year" at the annual award ceremony on Wednesday, March 31, 2004. Officer Shoemaker began his career with the St. Paul Police Department in April of 1990. He has held a variety of assignments in the department including patrol officer, FORCE Unit officer, Firearms/Range Instructor, and most recently Minnesota Gang Strike Force and investigator.

Officer Shoemaker shows dedication to the citizens of Saint Paul by working to rid neighborhoods of problem properties. As a member of the Minnesota Gang Strike Force, he demonstrates outstanding investigative skills and makes himself avail-

able 24 hours a day to assist on investigations and work with informants whose loyalty he has earned through his calm demeanor and fair treatment. Officer Shoemaker's commitment to his job and citizens of the City of Saint Paul is always portrayed through his day to day work and was the basis for his being selected as the Saint Paul Police "Officer of the Year for 2003".

Chief Finney also awarded and recognized Lou Biagi as the "Civilian Employee of the Year." Finney also awarded Ryan J. McAlpine the "Medal of Valor."

Department Reorganizations

In March 2004 the City Council passed Administrative Code changes breaking up the former Technology and Management Services (TMS) Department. The new Office of Technology (OT) is dedicated to Information Services and Cable Communications. The other functions of TMS were merged into several departments and offices: Risk Management merged into the Office of Human Resources. Real Estate merged into Public Works, and Saint Paul - Ramsey County Contract and Analysis Services, which includes RiverPrint merged into the Office of Financial Services.

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Please print this for your co-workers. The City is continues to save money by not producing printed copies of the City Update, but still needs to communicate to all employees. Please help by printing this newsletter (preferably back-to-back) for workers in your area who do not have computer access. Thank you.

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The former Office of TMS was composed of functions of very divergent professional disciplines. The goals of breaking up TMS and reorganizing and merging some functions into other departments were to better enable OT to focus on information services and technology and to better align the other functions with similar disciplines, and making better use of shared resources and efficiencies of scale.

Currently, the only physical move change planned as a result of the TMS breakup is with Risk Management. On Friday, April 16, all Risk Management staff will physically move out of the second floor of City Hall and into the HR offices on the fourth and fifth floor of the City Hall Annex. Risk Management, Worker's Compensation and Tort will be located on fourth floor and Employee and Retiree Benefits on fifth floor of the Annex. The Risk Management main number of 266-8880 will now be transferred to the HR main number of 266-6500. All other Risk Management phone numbers remain the same.

Spring Parks Clean-Up

Saint Paul Parks and Recreation is hosting its Annual Spring Parks Clean-Up on Saturday, April 17, 2004, from 9:00 a.m. until noon. Volunteers are needed to clean trash from Saint Paul's parks and recreation centers. This event is suitable for families, groups and individuals. Volunteers may sign up to clean the

parks or serve as Site Captains. Site Captains play a major role in the success of the Clean-Up by leading efforts at a particular site. Duties include getting clean-up supplies from Parks and Recreation and delivering them to your site on the day of the event; providing information on clean-up and recycling procedures to volunteers; welcoming, signing in and helping volunteers get started cleaning; and inviting volunteers to the Thank You Celebration.

Over the last 17 years, 54,000 volunteers have removed more than 390,000 pounds of trash and recyclables during the Spring Parks Clean-Up. Without the help of volunteers, trash accumulates in these natural areas harming wildlife, polluting lakes and rivers, and detracting from the beauty of our community. This event is a fun and effective way to improve the environment in our local community.

For more information, please see the Parks & Recreation Web site. This site contains a listing of park and recreation center names and addresses as well as useful information about this worthwhile event.

Call the Clean-Up hotline at 651-266-6458 if you'd like more information or would like to sign up.

Another Move!

Roger Mound will change offices on Wednesday, April 21, 2004. He will still be doing massages, but in the fourth floor of the City Hall Annex. Roger will be doing massages in Risk Management's office at 240 City Hall on April 7th and April 14th. Risk Management's staff will be moving on April 16th.

After April 16th you will be able to make appointments by going to 400 CHA and signing up on the sign up sheet at the front desk or by calling 651-266-6500.

Opening Celebration

The opening of the Minnesota Museum of American Art's Riverfront Gallery is Friday, April 16, 2004. 50 West Kellogg Boulevard, at Market Street:

The Premiere of 9 Months in America - An Ethnocentric Tour by Wing Young Huie. 6 - 8 p.m. preview with Wing young Huie. \$100 per person (Champagne and Light Fare Music by "Belladonna" Baroque Ensemble and Guest Artist Gao Hong).

8 p.m. - 1 a.m. Party \$10/\$12 at the door, \$8 Students & MMAA Members (Cash Bar & Food Concessions. Music by "Watching Leona & Kwang," Nationally known Elvis impersonator John Newinn and his father Henry Newinn. Spoken Word Artists Wang Ping, Ed Bok Lee, David Mura and Preeti Kaur Rajpal.

911 Operators Week

This is National 911
Telecommunicators Week, which is our opportunity to honor those who provide the essential service of answering phone calls for service from residents of this city.

Please join us in honoring the service provided by police and fire telecommunicators for their role in keeping Saint Paul safe.

City job openings as of April 2nd, 2004

Application Bi-weekly or Exam Job title deadline hourly salary rate date 04/30/04 Director of City Council Operations \$69,180 - \$94,098 yearly See Job Ann ECC Telecommunicator \$1,459.78 bi-weekly Open See Job Ann Parks Worker I (seasonal/temp) Open \$7.75 & \$8.42 per hr See Job Ann

Note: Call or visit the Office of Human Resources to receive the official job announcement for these positions. Location: 400 City Hall Annex. Phone: 651-266-6500 or visit the web site: www.ci.stpaul.mn.us/jobopenings. For jobs announced after this date, please call our 24-hour job line, 651-266-6502.